



LACOMBE PENTECOSTAL CHURCH



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Love God Love People
Equip the Church

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THERE'S A PLACE DESIGNED JUST FOR YOU AT LPC

Lacombe Pentecostal Church relentlessly reaches out to people who are far from God by revealing the grace of God offered through faith in Jesus Christ alone.

We are also passionate to seek and strengthen those who already know God by igniting them to action in their faith.

We believe that by God's grace alone,
those who repent from their sin
and confess faith in
Jesus Christ as Lord,
Salvation is available

to all people by the loving,
redemptive act of the triune God.

It is our joy to share this news with the world.

Here at LPC, we are committed to being passionately Biblical,
overwhelmingly loving,
and fully committed to the glory of Jesus.

We would love to make this place your home too.



Purpose Statement

If you are new to Lacombe Pentecostal Church, or are scoping us out online, you are probably wondering what this place is all about.

Lacombe Pentecostal Church exists to **Love God, Love Others, and Equip the Church**

LOVE GOD

Loving God is the foundation of who we are and what we do.

- We grow in **knowing Him** through the truth of Scripture, grounding our lives in the Bible to better understand God's nature, His promises, and His will.
- We **seek Him in prayer**, believing that a life of prayer draws us closer to God's heart, aligns us with His purposes, and unleashes His power in our lives and church.
- We are committed to **obeying the leading of the Holy Spirit**, trusting His voice to guide, convict, and empower us daily as we walk in step with God's purposes.
- We express our love through **worship**—not just in song, but in a lifestyle of surrender, gratitude, and reverence that honors God in all we do.

LOVE PEOPLE

Our love for God naturally flows into love for people.

- We are committed to **genuine connection**, building a faith community where people are welcomed, known, and deeply valued.
- We live out our faith by **serving others**, using our time, talents, and resources to meet needs and reflect Christ's love in practical ways.
- We **intentionally care for one another**, walking through life's joys and challenges together, bearing each other's burdens in love.

EQUIP THE CHURCH

We believe every follower of Jesus is called to impact the world for His Kingdom. We are committed to equipping leaders who:

- Are **led more by Jesus**—seeking intimacy with Him and obeying the leading of the Holy Spirit
- **Lead more like Jesus**—serving with humility, empowering others, and cultivating a reconciling community
- **Lead more to Jesus**—using our lives to make disciples who are grounded in truth and equipped to multiply their faith locally and globally.

We are committed to being a **local and global force for God's Kingdom**, partnering in His mission to restore, reconcile, and renew.

Ways You Can *SERVE*

*Having a place to minister and serve is instrumental in truly belonging to a community.
LPC wants to assist you in finding a place for you to use and grow in your spiritual gifts,
which ultimately edifies the Body of Christ.*

*If you wish to get
involved in any of
these ministries,
contact one of the
Staff or Lead
Team*



AMAZING GRACE
ALTAR PRAYER
ANCHOR KIDS LEADER/HELPER
AUDIO/VISUAL TEAM
COFFEE CORNER
COFFEE
COMMUNION
CONNECT CORNER
CONNECT GROUP LEADERS/HELPERS
DECORATING
EZ WORSHIP
GIVING MINISTRY
GREETER
GRIEF SHARE
HANDS & FEET
INTERCESSORY PRAYER
LIBRARY
MEN'S GROUP
NURSERY WORKER
PRAYER CHAIN
STEPHEN MINISTRIES
SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADER/HELPER
USHER
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL HELPER
WEE COLLEGE LEADER/HELPER
WORSHIP TEAM/SOUND
YOUTH WORKERS

Connect Groups ...

✿ Lead a Small ✿ Group or Bible Study!

LACOMBE PENTECOSTAL CHURCH | CHURCH

Are you passionate about connecting with others, building community, and helping people grow in their faith?

We're looking for **Small Group Leaders** and **Bible Study Facilitators** for the upcoming season. Whether you love to host-teach, or simply create space for discussion – we'd love to hear from you!

- ✓ Help others grow – and grow yourself.
- ✓ Lead meaningful conversations.
- ✓ Foster connection and care.

Interested? Let's talk!

Pastor Karla

✉ pastorkarla@churchonthehill.ca

☎ 403-782-2966

... Connect Groups



FOR JANUARY

MONDAY

Stephen Ministries - Evenings

TUESDAY

Intercessory Prayer - Evenings (1st & 3rd wk)

Ladies Bible Study - Mornings

Revelation/Seven Churches(Pastor Mark) - Evenings

WEDNESDAY

Life of the Messiah Study - Evenings

Men's Group - Evenings

Ladies Connect Group - Evenings (3rd wk)

THURSDAY

Pray & Play - Mornings (Every 2nd week)

Celebration of Discipline - Mornings (Every 2nd week)

Praying parents - Mornings (When school is running)

Women's Bible Study - Evenings

FRIDAY

Women at the Well - Usually Evenings (3rd Fri of the Month)

SATURDAY

Pit Stop - Mornings

Platinum Friends - Dates announced

Stephen Ministry

STEPHEN MINISTRIES REPORT - 2025



Testimonials

Stephen Ministers have confidentially served the need of support in crisis acute , chronic, simple and complex over the last 10 years at LPC.



Here are 4 stories of Care Receivers who have received Uniquely Christian Care from Stephen Ministers of this congregation of Lacombe Pentecostal Church.

1. One of our Stephen Ministers has observed that though her Care Receiver's original conflict is ongoing and unresolved, she has gained the ability to stand up under this burden through a growing confidence in God's plans and purposes. It has been a tremendous blessing to witness the miraculous faithfulness and compassion of Jesus in this woman's journey and the relationship with her Stephen Minister.
2. One of our Care Receivers came to us having recently moved from out of province. This man was suddenly and unexpectedly cut off from spouse, children and career, by separation. His calamity and rising panic of how to provide for an estranged family with diminished income reached out for a Stephen Minister to walk along side. As a Christian he battles with not understanding how this has happened to him and those he loves and where to go from here. Meeting with a Stephen Minister allows him to have a sounding board and the non-judgemental, unconditional love of a brother in Christ.
3. One of our Stephen ministers is into the 3rd. year serving the needs of 2 Care Receivers, coming along side their burden of addiction, fear and phobias, hearing their challenges, recommending resources and speaking hope into their lives, week by week.
4. Several Stephen Ministers serve some for whom group meetings in Grief Share was difficult and needed one on one patient listening, reflection and encouragement, until they could return to the group setting.

I honour these Stephen Ministers who, over multiple years after year have laid down their lives, putting wheels on their faith and bringing consistent care to people who have a needed to see the love of Jesus at work for them week after week. I thank also these Stephen ministers who biweekly come together in a Supervision (connect) group to share confidentially their challenges to meet the needs of their Care Receivers and receive input, resources and encouragement from their fellow Stephen Ministers – Thank You!

Byron Hurn

Grief Share

Thursdays, February 5 - April 30
7-8:30pm

GriefShare is a 13 week support group offered to those grieving the loss of a loved one.

To sign up or for more information go to: griefshare.org under find a Group, type in Lacombe Alberta, more information and then register.

Or
 call/text/email:
 587-679-0602
griefshare@churchonthehill.ca

GriefShare is also actively looking for facilitators, please use above contact if your interested or have questions.

1	Is This Normal?
2	Your Grief Journey
3	Loneliness & Sadness
4	Self-Care
5	Fearful & Overwhelmed
6	Anger
7	Regrets
8	Grief & Your Household
9	Grief & Your Friendships
10	Questions for God
11	Stuck in Grief
12	Hope & Resilience
13	What Do I Live For Now?

Next Generation Ministry



2025-2026

Next Generation

Ministry Programs

Sunday Mornings

Nursery (0-24 mo.) - downstairs
Toddlers (2-3 yrs) - upstairs
Preschool (4 yrs) - upstairs
Gr. K-4 - main room upstairs
Gr. 5-6 - upstairs

Mid-Week Programs

Anchor Kids (Gr. 1-6): Wednesday nights from 6:15-7:45 pm. September - April. Devotions, worship, games, crafts, cooking and other life skills. Starting Sept. 17th.

Anchor Kids Worship: Student-led worship teams, serving every Wednesday night.

Gr. 5/6 Bible Study: Tuesdays from 4:30-6:00 pm, starting October 7th.

Grades 7-12

The Anchor Youth: Friday nights from 7:00-9:30pm, September - June. Includes worship, games, small groups, overnight trips, and youth conferences.

The New Life Ministry (Grades 10-12): Student servant-leadership team meeting monthly from September-June and serving Friday nights.

Redemption Worship: Student-led worship team, serving twice monthly on Friday nights.

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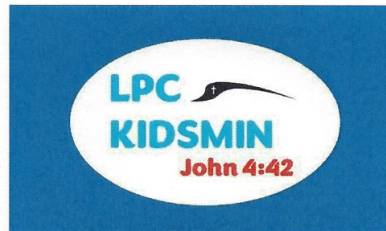
Youth Ministry
(Grades 7-12)

youth@churchonthehill.ca

403-782-2966

Leaders are needed in kids and youth ministries! If you are interested in serving in one of these areas, please get in touch!

Children's Ministry ...



WEE COLLEGE YR 1 & 2 GRADUATION Sunday, March 22 (at the end of the service)

Join us as we celebrate the hard work and accomplishments of our preschool students.

ANCHOR KIDS MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES Make a difference in a child's life...



Check-In Minister: This person is responsible to greet, check-in and register our students weekly. Wednesdays, 5:45–6:30 pm, Jan. – May 6

Special Class Leader: We are looking for people willing to come for 3 weeks only to teach a smaller group of students a special skill. (Ex. knitting, soccer, floor hockey, baking, painting, origami, etc.) Helpers would be available to assist leading with you.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS... If you are a **PRAYER PAL**, our next event will be on March 18, 6:15–7:45 pm. If you cannot attend, please let Pastor Angela know.

*IF YOU CAN FILL A NEED OR HAVE QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT
PASTOR ANGELA*



SAVE THE DATE!

EMPOWER 2026 will be held at First Assembly in Calgary on April 18th. This is a one-day conference designed to equip children's ministry leaders with training, resources, and personal connections. We would like to take a group to attend this great conference.

Cost: \$20. If interested, speak to Pastor Angela so we can arrange for group registering and carpooling.



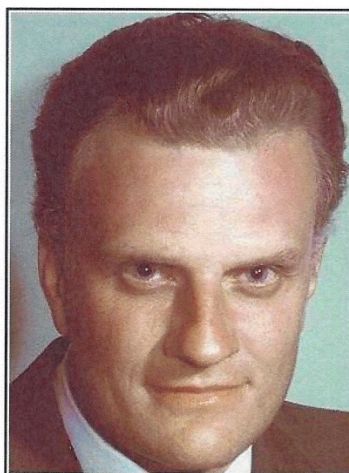
... Children's Ministry



Plans are under way for our 2026 VBS, RAINFOREST FALLS. If you would like to be part of our ministry team, please fill out an application form found on the KidsMin table.

Student registrations will be available starting in May.

Keep watching for more details.



The greatest legacy one can pass on to one's children and grandchildren is not money or other material things accumulated in one's life, but rather a legacy of character and faith.

— Billy Graham —

AZ QUOTES

**FOR QUESTIONS OR MORE INFORMATION,
contact Pastor Angela**

Things You Should Know ...



3rd Wednesday of Each Month
6:30pm @ LaRee Rankin's Home

All Church Prayer Night



Sun., Feb. 1/26

6-7:30pm

Please join us!



Hands & Feet February Food Drive

Throughout February, we will be collecting non-perishable food and hygiene items to support the Lacombe Food Bank. If you are able to pitch in, please bring items to the church by the end of February.

The food bank has shortages of the following items:

- personal hygiene items, like disposable razors, bar soap, deodorant, toothpaste
- jam
- baking supplies, like flour, sugar, baking soda, oats



PLATINUM FRIENDS



Thursday, Feb. 5

Coffee at 10am

Lunch Provided Pastor Mark Sharing

An offering will be taken

... Things You Should Know ...



Sat, Feb 7 at 7pm

Bring your used clothes or accessories to swap or donate
and come shop for a "new" wardrobe.

Please contact Kendal Landry @ 306-304-0745 for more details.

Women At The Well



Strawberry Tea & Testimony

February 20

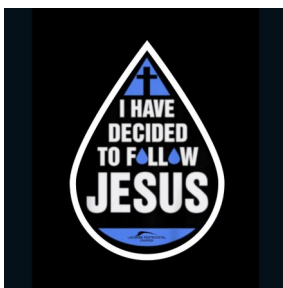
Details TBA

Baptism Service

Sunday, February 22, 2026

If you would like to be baptized, please fill out a form found
at the Welcome Desk or in this newsletter and talk to one
of our pastors.

An information class will be held on Sunday, Feb. 15 in the
Library/Prayer Room after service.



... Things You Should Know ...

Creative Marriage Conference

February 20-21

Registration is now open!



Register Online @
lacombepentecostal.ca

\$50/Couple

LPC ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, March 8

1pm

Hotdog Lunch will be provided after service.

Members please try to attend.

Everyone is Welcome!



... Things You Should Know ...

INTERNATIONAL
HERITAGE TOURS

Together on a Biblical Tour Through Israel & Petra

With Pastor Mark & Dawn Running

November 8-19, 2026

\$6,529 CAD per person for 12 Days

**Including airline taxes & fuel surcharge
Edmonton Departure**

**Contact Pastor Mark or Dawn for more
information**

dawnrunning3@gmail.com

... Things You Should Know



Over 2,000 Discipleship Videos for Kids, Youth & Adults are available to Church members & attendees.
Bible Studies, Marriage Enrichment, Training Conference Sessions, Family Videos & More!

Right Now Media is a service provided to our membership & attendees. If you would like to sign up please call the office @ (403)782-2966



LPC Mens Group

WhatsApp group

Join our LPC Mens Group

Scan this QR code with your camera to stay connected



Did you know that we have a Prayer Chain?

This is a group of people who will pray for you from their homes, should you ever have a need. If you let our office know your request, we will contact the leader of the Prayer Chain and your request will go out to all who are on the team. You will not be contacted personally, unless you wish to be. Our office # is 403-782-2966.

If you would like to be a part of our Prayer Chain and have time to pray for others, please also contact the office and we will get you set up. This is a very valuable ministry and the more people praying, the better.

Amazing Grace Ministries

AGM is a church ministry dedicated to helping individuals and families from LPC who are facing financial hardships. If you need help with the cost of food, rent, utility bills, vehicle repairs, house repairs or other necessities to live, please talk to us:



Kevin & Yvonne Reed
Leroy & Lois Penrod
amazinggrace@lacombeptecostal.ca

AGM is fully funded by donations from our congregation. We are very appreciative of the continuing support from many of you. If you would like to contribute to AGM, please place your donation in a tithe envelope and mark it AGM.



Join us Thursdays from 8:40 AM to 8:55 AM at the Lacombe Christian School East Campus library for drop-in prayer focused on the schools and community of Lacombe.



Hands & Feet Ministry

The Hands & Feet was established to bridge the gap between our church and the local community's needs. As needs arise, the Hands and Feet contact list is notified, and leaders organize groups to make sure that needs are met. These needs could be anything from needing help cleaning the house/ needing some meals/ help moving. If someone is lacking support, the H&F community is here to help.

If you would like to join our team or know of someone in the community who needs a hand, please contact us at handsandfeet@churchonthehill.ca



Community News ...



Central Alberta Christian High School is hosting its annual Grade8/9 Visiting Day on Thursday, Feb. 5. This is a fun way to see what high school looks like at CACHS! Students will be joining us from Lacombe, Ponoka and Rimbey Christian Schools.

If you have a student that does not attend one of those schools but would like to see what CACHS has to offer, we would love to have you join! Please email developmentdirector@cachs.ca to RSVP or with any questions.



The Broom Tree Foundation has officially received **charitable status!** This is a big step forward for us as we continue to support and serve our community.

If you would like to donate or get more information about this ministry use the following barcode or contact thebroomtreefoundation.com.



Now Accepting Applications - Ponoka Christian School is now accepting **Applications for Pre-School and Kindergarten** for the 2026-27 school year. Information and registration packages can be found on the school website at www.ponokachristianschool.com or may be picked up from the school office.

Ponoka Christian School is Hiring! – Please pass on the following messages to anyone you know who may be interested and pray that the Lord may provide the school suitable candidates to carry out His Kingdom work here at PCS.

- **Elementary Teacher** - Ponoka Christian School is now accepting teacher applications for an elementary teacher for the 2026-27 school year. Interested candidates can forward a cover letter, resume, statement of faith and pastoral reference to office@ponokachristianschool.com, attention Robert Morris, Principal.
- **Business Administrator** – Ponoka Christian School is now accepting applications for the position of Business Administrator. Interested applicants can send in a cover letter, resume (with references), and a statement of faith to: office@ponokachristianschool.com. For more information, please contact the school via email or by calling 403-783-6563.

... Community News ...



Lacombe Christian School Registration for Playschool and Kindergarten for the 2026/27 School Year Opens January 5th! Spots are limited. Registration for Playschool is open to children who will turn 4 by Dec 31, 2026. We have 2 classes available: Tue/Thu, 8:45am-11:15am (2.5hrs), OR Fri, 8:45am-11:45am (3hrs). Registration for Kindergarten is available for children who will be 5 by Dec 31, 2026. We offer 2-day Kindergarten, either M/W or T/Th, 8:40am-3:35pm, with busing included. If you would like more information, contact the office on or after Jan 5th at 403-782-6531 or drop in to pick up your registration package (5206-58 St.) or download it from our website: lacs.ca

Lacombe Christian School Employment Opportunity: Educational Assistant

LCS is accepting applications for a short-term part-time Educational Assistant position starting ASAP (Monday to Friday mornings). We are looking for educators with a passionate walk with Jesus Christ and a developed Christian worldview.

Applications for EA positions are preferred to have certification, but it is not required. Please contact Derek Hoogerdijk, Principal, for more information at dhoogerdijk@lacs.ca or 403-782-6531. To learn more about our school, visit www.lacs.ca.

Lacombe Christian School is accepting applications for one 0.5 FTE Kindergarten teaching position (maternity leave) commencing Apr. 28, 2026. LCS is a thriving, independent Pre K-9 school, with over 465 students. We are celebrating our 80th anniversary as a school, a testament to God's faithfulness. As a school that uses the Teaching for Transformation model, we strive to help students understand that God is active in all aspects of learning and to have students respond to this in active ways. To learn more about our school visit www.lacs.ca. We are looking for teachers with a passionate walk with Jesus Christ and a developed Christian worldview. The closing date for applications for this position is Feb. 23, 2026 or until a suitable candidate is found. Applicants must hold or be eligible for a valid Alberta Teaching Certificate. Please forward a cover letter, current resume, statement of faith, pastoral reference and two other references to: Derek Hoogerdijk, Principal, Lacombe Christian School, 5206 - 58 St, Lacombe, AB T4L 1G9 or dhoogerdijk@lacs.ca.

... Community News



Central Alberta Pregnancy
CARE CENTRE

WE'RE HIRING!

CLIENT SUPPORT WORKER

QUALIFICATIONS

- Relevant knowledge & experience in pregnancy, labour/delivery, breastfeeding, infant/child development, parenting & working with vulnerable women & children
- Strong discernment & problem-solving skills
- Dependable & responsible individual with a heart to serve
- Solid approach to code of ethics & confidentiality
- Understanding of trauma, addiction & mental health
- Experience working as a team member



DETAILS

- Red Deer location
- Up to 32 hours/week
- Daytime and evenings
- Open until a suitable candidate is found

For more information or to submit a resume & cover letter, contact
client-services@pregnancycare.ca

The Central Alberta Pregnancy Care Centre is a registered Christian charity. We require our employees to agree to respect & not detract from our employment values during their employment with us.



Rimbey Christian School Winter Fundraising Banquet



An Evening of
Entertainment with Court Jester

Dueling Pianos

Friday February 27th, 2026

Keyera Centre
(Rimbey Community Center)

Doors open @ 5:30 p.m.

Dinner @ 6:00 p.m.

Catered by StarKist Catering

Tickets \$75 each or

Table of 8 for \$550



Tickets available at
Rimbey Christian School and
Stationery, Stories & Sounds
For more information contact
Joni Boldt 403-704-7432

You are invited to participate in **COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR** by signing up a team for - Canada's National Walk for Homelessness and Poverty Feb 28th in Red Deer in support of the Mustard Seed and the Red Deer Food Bank. Money raised for the Mustard Seed will go to the School Lunch Program.

Over 700 lunches are prepared and delivered daily to 56 Central Alberta Schools - helping students focus on their school work. Thank you for your very compassionate support.

Coldest Night of the Year is a family-friendly walk that raises funds for organizations supporting people facing hurt, hunger and homelessness.

Register at [Red Deer \(Red Deer Food Bank & The Mustard Seed Red Deer\) - CNOY Canada 2026](#)

Teams have the option to walk either 5km or 2km and are encouraged to challenge another team or teams in the community to sign up. Kick off for the event will take place at Central Middle School with a meal to follow the walk.

Missions (Kandangamas) ...



We want to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to each and everyone of you for your love, care and support this past year. Also, the concern and generosity we received following the Cyclone disaster and towards our Christmas hamper program was unlike any year prior. Thank you doesn't seem enough.



Hope you all had a blessed Christmas!

Our December got turned upside down and priorities had to quickly be adjusted. But thanks to your quick responses we were able to meet some emergent needs to families affected by the cyclone that ravaged through our city and the entire island. We were able to provide drinking water, toiletries, food hampers, baby formula, meals for families, and take supplies to unreached areas.

There are further plans in the making to conduct medical clinics, mental health programs, provide kitchen necessities, and meet the needs of kids who lost all their belongings. We will dedicate some time in the month of January and into February for this. Details and meetings are underway. We are thankful that financial support is available thanks to ERDO (PAOC's Humanitarian Aid Org.) and people like you.

Christmas at the Bud Centre had to make adjustments to the festivities but on December 20th we put on our annual Christmas event. The Centre kids performed Christmas dances, sang carols, and a special Christmas message was given as well. Then things got exciting with sugar cookie decorating, glitter tattoos and game stations. Following all that we distributed gifts to our mom's group and gifts to all the kids. Then served a special lunch and last but not least distributed 90 food hampers. Putting the food hampers together is a big undertaking! This year was a challenge with shops having supply shortages. Then from shopping for the best prices, to delivering it to the Centre, and packing it all together. It's a big production. But thanks to our staff and volunteers at the Centre we get the job done.

... Missions (Kandangamas)

The Bud Centre was also able to give food hampers to both the local schools this Christmas. Teachers and school staff have gone through a lot lately with the current circumstances and we wanted to recognize how vital they are to our community and the children collectively love and care for. There are two local schools in our village; one with 41 staff and the other with 19. They received this thoughtful and unexpected gift with gratitude.

Now that 2025 is behind us, we look forward to 2026 and all that lies ahead. We go into it with expectation that God will be our guide, that He will sustain us, that He will provide direction and opportunities that will help us shine the light of His son Jesus who came to seek and save the lost.

Thank you,

Nish & Kristin Kandangama



We weren't directly affected but circumstances were all around.

Lamentations 3:22-23

Because of the Lord's great love we are
not consumed, for his compassions
never fail. They are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.



Missions (Dutzs) ...



DUTZ NEWSLETTER

January 2026

EVACUATED!

I am writing to you from a place I did not think I would be! We had planned to fly out of Cambodia on December 17 to be home for Christmas with our daughter and her young family. There was conflict along the Thailand/Cambodia border that we were keeping an eye on and had, up to this point, felt relatively safe.

On December 10, however, while meeting with some ladies for coffee, I learned of rumors that the conflict had come within 30 minutes of where we live. This was confirmed about an hour later when my NGO friends received notice to evacuate and to "TAKE ACTION IMMEDIATELY."

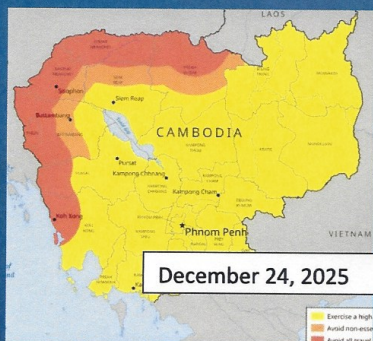
After discussing with the others around the table what they were going to do, I went home and told Carman. Still unsure of our next steps, Carman began to look at flights and I began to pack. I felt no fear, just deep urgency in my spirit. Feeling this nudge, we decided to evacuate.

We headed out to Rescue to hand over our house keys and say goodbye. As we pulled up one of the grade six girls, mournfully exclaimed, "Teacha...no." How difficult it was to leave these loved ones. We felt as if we were abandoning them and with our "western privilege" able to escape while they were left to endure whatever was to come. Our hearts ached from both the guilt of leaving and the unknown.

As we drove off, we saw others loading trucks with necessities and evacuating. Military vehicles and First Responders sailed past us in the opposite direction. It was a strange feeling for us. Generally, Carman would be headed towards the danger. Our hearts went out to the families of those rushing towards conflict...knowing all too well the emotions they would be dealing with.

... Missions (Dutzes) ...

TRAVEL ADVOSORY UPDATES FOR CAMBODIA DURING OUR TIME.



We were able to secure a room in our nearest city of Battambang and confirm our flight changes from there. The next day we drove down to Rescue One.

We spoke with Marie concerning her experience evacuating during the war years earlier while serving in Cambodia. It brought us great comfort as she expressed that we had made the right decision. Our friend Tong was also full of wisdom when he said, "You do not know how to survive in a war. We do. We can hide in culverts with water to our waist and rats swimming by. You cannot. Just as we would have no clue how to survive if we were stranded in a blizzard. But you would." His words gave us comfort in knowing with us evacuated, our director Thinnang would be able to focus solely on the safety of Rescue staff and children and not worry about us.

We know how to survive a war, you don't! In the same way, we don't know how to survive a blizzard. You do!!

We flew out on December 12.

As we celebrated Christmas with our families, our hearts were divided as we kept an eye on the situation in Cambodia. News of bombings near places we would frequently visit, shocked us. Battambang, where we would buy groceries and where we spent our first night of safety, was now unsafe. We eagerly prayed for peace and we were hopeful to return on our scheduled date of January 7.

NOW WHAT?

While in Cambodia in the fall, we started to notice a decline in Carman's mental health. He was experiencing some previous symptoms of PTSD and MDD. Twice, for a week each time, he was unable to help with lesson planning or teaching due to the severity of the symptoms.



I began to pray, asking the Lord if it was wise for us to be in Cambodia at this time with Carman's mental injury. We had previously scheduled an appointment with our counsellor during the Christmas break so I began to write down questions to ask him concerning this. He delivered some hard to swallow news when we met with him.

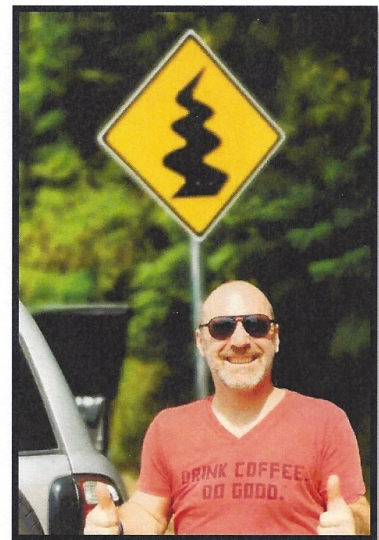
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THROW OUT EVERYTHING I HAVE JUST SAID"

He said, "Any stress, good or bad, will aggravate the injury. From a clinical stand point I would advise you do not return to Cambodia at this time, and seek further

treatment." Our hearts sank. Then he added, "Of course if, when you pray about it, the Lord tells you something different then throw out everything I have just said."

And so, we prayed! Every time we did, our spirits would interrupt...we knew he was right and the Lord was asking for our obedience to stay.

And so, we pivot...once again...it is after all Carman's favorite road sign! We are spending the time in active treatment for Carman, intently reading and seeking God through His Holy Scripture and writing. We hope to return to Rescue in the fall. Meanwhile, we obediently wait, patiently seek, and eagerly listen for our next move!



Church Membership ...

What About Church Membership?

"I don't have to go to church to be saved. I don't have to belong to a church to be a Christian. I can worship God in my heart." Have you heard this popular dodge? It's sometimes difficult to refute because it happens to be true ... to a point. Nothing you do and nothing you can join makes you a Christian. The Bible makes it abundantly clear that Jesus is the only Way; that no-one comes to the Father except through Him.

Q: What does the Bible say about church membership?

A: The Bible is very clear that involvement in, and commitment to, a local church are essential for Christians. Throughout the New Testament the pattern of the Christian is to meet in local congregations (eg. Acts 2:46, 1 Corinthians 14:26, Ephesians 4:16, 1 Timothy 3:15). At some points we are commanded to do so (eg. Hebrews 10:25). Even Saul/Paul in Acts 9:26 – "When he came to Jerusalem he tried **to join** the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he really was a disciple." Having said that, it is true that the Bible nowhere **requires** membership in a church. In fact, in Biblical times there was no such thing. However, the Biblical principle is that the church is a family and a unit. The Bible speaks of the church as a family, or the household of God. Church membership is not like joining a country club; it is about joining an organic family. Church membership is a way of being accountable and becoming involved in the church and in demonstrating a commitment to Christ by participation in the church.

Q: I'm committed to our church, so what difference does it make if I am a member or not?

A: "Times have changed from years ago when you could have a loose relationship with the church. Our society and our laws have changed." There are a number of key differences between people who just attend with no strings attached and the actual church member. There seems to be a deeper sense of belonging and often a higher level of commitment from the people who step out and want to be members. They are more ready to shoulder responsibility and encourage the ethos of the church. Members have the right to vote at church business meetings. This is possibly not the most exciting thing you've ever been able to do, but it does allow you to have a say in what the church does and how it functions. Only church members can vote for deacons (lead team members) and Lead Pastor when a new lead pastor is to be called. Only church members can raise queries and make proposals about issues at a church business meeting. They are able to vote and add input to the sale or purchase of land or buildings for the church. If you would like to have a voice in the way that our church is run and the things that it does you need to have a vote, and to have a vote, you need to be a church member. A knowledge of which people are willing to publicly associate themselves with the church by becoming members assists the church leadership in planning and effectively running the church. If you are a member of another Pentecostal Church and you have moved here to Lacombe, you can have your membership transferred.

Q: How can I become a member?

A: See the Application for Fellowship on the next page or at the Welcome Desk. When you find yourself in agreement with those statements, sign and apply for membership and leave it in the office or with a staff member.

... Church Membership



APPLICATION FOR FELLOWSHIP STATUS

Article 6 Membership

Section 1

Persons desiring to become members of this church shall give credible profession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior. They shall give evidence of compliance with the Biblical standard of Christian practice and manifest spiritual growth by giving evidence of the Fruit of the Spirit: "Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control." (Galatians 5:22,23 NIV)

They shall refrain from acts of sinful nature: "... sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies and the like..." (Galatians 5:19-21 NIV) Sexual immorality shall be interpreted to mean common-law marital relationships, pre-marital and extra-marital sexual relationships (1 Corinthians 6:15-18, 7:1-2, 1 Thessalonians 4:3-8, Hebrews 13:4), and all forms of homosexual activity, along with other practices deemed inexcusable for Christian conduct, and which place a person under God's judgment (Romans 1:26-2:11).

They shall indicate a desire to live in harmony with this body of believers, shall accept the doctrinal standards as set forth in the *Statement of Fundamental and Essential Truths*, and shall be regular financial supporters of this local church.

Section 2

Membership shall consist of the following:

1. *Regular Members.* Persons 18 years of age and over who fulfill the requirements of Article 6.1 shall be known as regular members.
2. *Junior Members.* Persons between the ages of 12 and 18 who fulfill the requirements of Article 6.1 may be eligible for junior membership. Such membership does not qualify for voting privileges at congregational business meetings.

I, _____ am in agreement with the above statement and would
(Please print full name)

like to apply for membership status for the Lacombe Pentecostal Church.

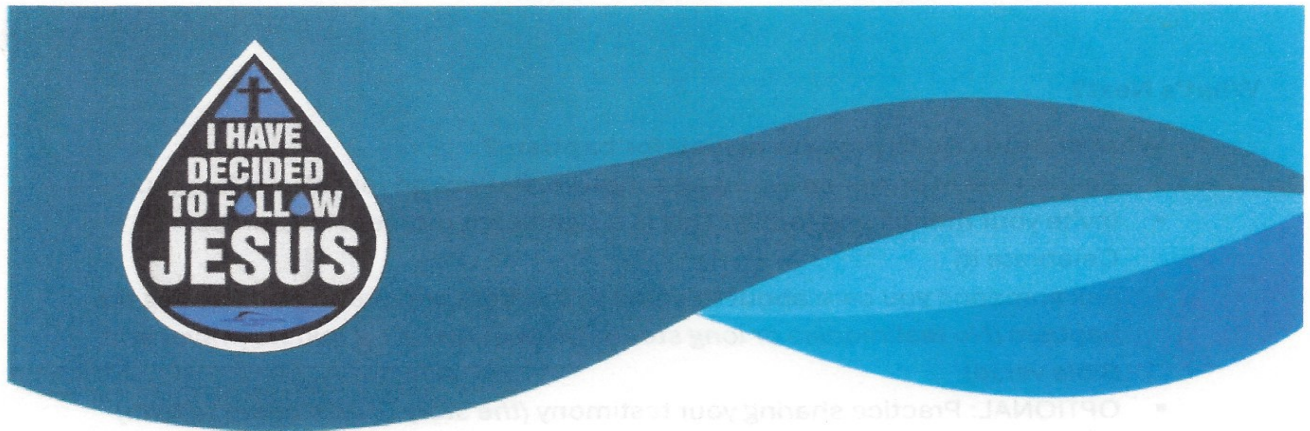
Signature

Date

Lacombe Pentecostal Church
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Water Baptism ...



Water Baptism Information

Lacombe Pentecostal Church

What Is It?

1. Baptism is a powerful, symbolic expression of the repentance that has happened, your acceptance of Christ as Lord and Saviour, and your commitment to being a dedicated disciple of Christ.
2. It is a public demonstration of a person's union with Christ and His death and resurrection. It comes from the Greek Word "*baptizo*," which means *to plunge, submerge or immerse*. It signifies that a person's former way of life has been put to death (*under the water*) and points to their new life, saved and redeemed by Jesus through His resurrection (*coming out of the water*).
3. Baptism does not save you. Salvation can only occur through the grace of Jesus Christ and His sacrifice on the cross.

Why Be Baptized?

Baptism is a step of obedience, faith and commitment.

1. **STEP OF OBEDIENCE:** Jesus commands baptism for everyone who follows Him. Even Jesus, who had no sin, identified Himself with those who were repenting and was baptized.
 - Read Matthew 28:19, Mark 16:16, Acts 2:38, Matthew 3:16
2. **STEP OF FAITH:** You don't need to have everything figured out to be baptized. The act of baptism is a step of faith in what Jesus has done and is continuing to do in your life.
 - Read Acts 8:35-38
3. **COMMITMENT:** Baptism is an external act that signifies you are ready to embrace spiritual growth and transformation
 - Read 1 Peter 3:21

... Water Baptism ...

What's Next?

1. What should I do to prepare myself for baptism?

- Spend time in prayer and reading scripture. Reflect on Jesus' love for you.
- Invite your friends and family! This is a significant moment in your life. Celebrate it!
- Ask someone you care about to come to the front and pray for you during the baptism (*No testimonies or long stories please. Just a 1-2 minute prayer and Bible verse*)
- OPTIONAL: Practice sharing your testimony (*the story of how came to faith*)

2. What should I wear and what do I need to bring with me?

- Bring shorts or pants that can get wet. Shirts are provided and you can keep them!
- Have dry clothes to change into after the baptism
- Consider asking a friend or family member to take pictures or a video.

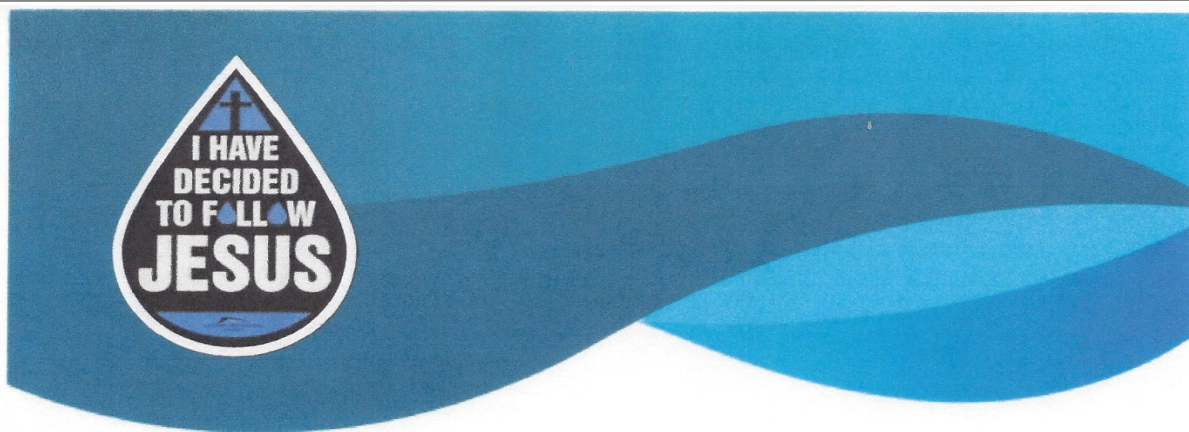
3. Can my family or friends be baptized together?

- Yes! If each family member or friend understands fully what it means to be baptized, we encourage it! Every person who wants to be baptized should.
- Remember this is a personal statement of faith, not a family tradition.

4. How will this look in a service?

- After the sermon, when the music starts playing, dismiss yourself and head upstairs to the baptism door. Come down the stairs carefully as soon as the person ahead of you comes up.
- Please ask someone ahead of time to come to the front microphone to pray for you and share a blessing/verse (*Please ask them to keep this to 1-2 minutes*)
- Those baptizing you may ask a few questions and then they will say "*I now baptize you in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.*"
- You will be tipped backwards just enough to cover your face and then brought back up immediately. At no time will you be let go. Feel free to hold your nose with one hand if that will help you feel more comfortable.
- You will go up the stairs and can dry off, change your clothing, and celebrate this great moment in your life as a disciple with your friends, family, and the church.

... Water Baptism



Water Baptism Application

Lacombe Pentecostal Church

Full Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Phone Number: _____ Mother's Maiden Name: _____

Address: _____

Do you believe that Jesus Christ, as God's only begotten Son, paid fully for your sins on the cross and do you choose to submit your life fully to Him? _____

When did you accept Christ as your personal Saviour? _____

Please attach a short testimony below as to why you wish to be baptized, or write one below:

Calendar of Events

February 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Pre-Service Prayer (9:15am) Worship Service (10am) PRAYER MTG 6PM	2	3 Wee College (9:30am) Ladies Bible Study (9:30am) Revelation Study (6:30pm) Intercessory Prayer (7pm) Lead Team Mtg (7pm)	4 Wee College (9:30am) Anchor Kids (6:15pm) Life of the Messiah (7pm) Men's Group (7:45pm)	5 Praying Parents (8:40am) Prayer & Play (9:30am) Platinum Friends (10am) Grief Share (7pm) Womens Bible Study (7pm)	6 Youth (7pm)	7 Pitstop (8am) Tanner Gould Funeral (1:30pm) Ladies Clothing Swap (7pm)
8 Pre-Service Prayer (9:15am) Worship Service (10am)	9 Stephen Ministry Supervision (7pm)	10 Wee College (9:30am) Ladies Bible Study (9:30am)	11 Wee College (8:30am) Anchor Kids (6:15pm) Life of the Messiah (7pm) Men's Group (7:45pm)	12 Praying Parents (8:40am) Celebration of Discipline (9:30am) Grief Share (7pm) Womens Bible Study (7pm)	13 Youth (7pm)	14
15 Pre-Service Prayer (9:15am) Worship Service (10am) Baptism Class after service	16 FAMILY DAY OFFICE CLOSED	17 Wee College (9:30am) Intercessory Prayer (7pm)	18 Wee College (9:30am) Anchor Kids (6:15pm) Ladies Connect Group (6:30pm) Life of the Messiah (7pm) Men's Group (7:45pm)	19 Prayer & Play (9:30am) Grief Share (7pm)	20 Marriage Conference (6pm) Youth (7pm)	21 Pitstop (8am) Marriage Conference (8am)
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